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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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	Examiner	Art Unit
	Kenneth E. Peterson	3724

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 September 2006.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1 and 8-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 9 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,8,10-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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1. It is noted that claim 9 is labeled "currently amended" when it should have been labeled "withdrawn and currently amended".
2. The amendment filed 03 AUG 06 is objected to under 35 U.S.C. 132(a) because it introduces new matter into the disclosure. 35 U.S.C. 132(a) states that no amendment shall introduce new matter into the disclosure of the invention. In claims 1,11,12,13 and figure 5, there are two added features which have no support in the disclosure as originally filed:
 - 1) The creation of "wave-shaped waste portions" (claims 1 and 11) and the similar "removing the leading and the trailing wave-shaped edges" (claims 12 and 13). There is no support for this in the original disclosure. Applicant broadly discloses a machining step, which may or may not yield "wave-shaped waste portions". For example, within the scope of Applicant's broad disclosure, a press may cut off individual waves or wave portions, thus leaving scrap that is not necessarily wave-shaped.
 - 2) A removing step that is separate from the machining/deforming step as in claims 1,11,12,13 and new figure 5. The original disclosure only mentions rejecting the waste (paragraph 0026). Within the scope of Applicant's broad disclosure, a press may deform and cut off and "reject" the waste simultaneously. There is no disclosure of a separate "removing" step, especially not one that is chronologically separated as in claim 11, nor any support for a separate cutting step as in claim 12.

Applicant is required to cancel the new matter in the reply to this Office Action.

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3. Claims 1,8,10-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention, as set forth above.

4. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the deforming of claims 13 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner,

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the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

6. Claims 1,8 and 11-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Uehlinger et al.'001.

In figures 3a,16a and 16b, Uehlinger shows the process of cutting sheets with front and back wavy edges.

Figure 6f shows the step of holding (clamp 118) the edges and conducting an additional machining step (dies cutting with tool 121).

Uehlinger deforms the sheet. For example, see the deformed part in figure 6c. The scrap is considered to be “wave-shaped” to the same extent as disclosed by Applicant’s original disclosure. The scrap is inherently rejected, and thus there is a “removing” step disclosed to the same extent that Applicant’s original disclosure has a removing step.

7. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and

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the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

8. Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over

Uehlinger et al.'001 in view of Sakaguchi et al.'979.

Uehlinger, as set forth above, shows a method with all of the recited steps except the wavy edge is not quite sinusoidal. However, from the same art of can lid making, Sakaguchi shows that it is well known for the wavy edges to be sinusoidal as seen in figure 3 (12b). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have modified Uehlinger by making the wavy edge sinusoidal, as taught by Sakaguchi, in order to waste less material.

9. Applicant's arguments have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant has overcome the previous new matter rejection, but a new new matter rejection results from Applicant's most recent amendments.

Applicant has overcome the previous drawing objection, but a new drawing objection results from Applicant's most recent drawing addition.

In general, Examiner notes that the original disclosure was focused on the step of cutting the wave-edged pieces, and that it has very little to say on the subsequent machining steps. It may be quite difficult for Applicant to claim the machining step in any way that would be distinguishing.

Applicant argues that Uehlinger does not disclose the wave-shaped waste portions or separate removing step. However, Uehlinger does disclose them to the same extent that Applicant's original disclosure has them.

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kenneth E. Peterson whose telephone number is 571-272-4512. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur, 7:30-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Boyer Ashley can be reached on 571-272-4502. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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